
Dear Father,

I thank you for the good advice you sent me which I received last Friday and I hope I shall be enabled to use it to the best advantage. We are in good health mother has been sick but better has had the measles Henry and Almeda Janett and Earl and Henry Witham are getting on well. We have had some bad luck we have lost one sheep one calf four lambs the black mare has lost two colts we have got two calves two more lambs and Goodwell has met with a considerable loss the water drowned 25 sheep and heath of cattle the boys think that we have 25 or 30 tons of hay Michael says if Father should see the brown mare she would not take 200 dollars for her. I want a horse for cattle I have had her harnessed 5 times in the single sleigh and run the one one horse wagon Joshua has got 2 horses from Mr. Pierce and is working them he has begin to draw stone off from that piece above the old homestead. I want Father to write to me and all the rest I want not to know whether to take up these little apple trees all last summer

If so where to set them Father be pleased to excuse this is the first that I ever composed with justice.

Yours truly
Isaac Finch
May 3rd 1837

Most cordially Resent

Having been waiting and anticipating

great pleasure in receiving this letter. How my dear mother

since her departure from this land thirty years ago, last

month in Paris, was quite astonishing, and the sight itself

thought I saw a letter and the post, I thought of

though uncertain, but I have received a most excellent book, if I am right, the book is

thanked for and hope I shall not forget it. We have

had no school for a number of weeks and the worst of it,

the children being sick with the measles they have been

taken out at a time and one of them, my own son,

James, and Carl had them. The most severe. But they are

now in Paris. I have received his letters and those of

the other children. If father could bring back

our Government, we would be very much pleased and

I think he will be able to do it. When the third brother

returns. Mother has been quite sick so that she was only

to the bed for a number of days. Without quite terrible

and was of those pictures books for her brother

I send a card with the family to be sent by the next mail. The

love the letter is still gaining accept the love of your

Eadie

With love to

Mother

P.S. Your sister

[Signature]
Hon Isaac Finch  
Washington DC  

Jay March 21. 1830

Dear Father

I thank you for the good advice you sent me which I received last Friday and I hope I shall be enabled to use it to the best advantage. We are in good health. Mother has been sick. Caroline [some funny letters] has had the measles. Henry and Caroline Janett and Earl and Henry William are getting over them. We have had some bad luck. We have lost one sheep one calf four lambs the black mare has lost two colts. We have got two calves. Lambs Mrs. Goodwell had met with a considerable loss. The water drowned 25 sheep and 2 head of cattle. The Boys think that we have 8 or 9 tons of hay. Michael says if Father should see the brown mare he would not take $200 dollars for her. I want a harness for ______. I have had her harnessed 3 times in the single sleigh and once in the one one horse waggon. Joshua has got horses from Mr. Pierce and is working them. He has begun to draw stone off from that piece above the old house. I want Father to write to me and all the rest. I want to know whether to take up those little apple trees on ______. All bad comp. If so where to set them. Father be pleased to excuse this is the first that I was composed.

Your Son

Isaac Finch

Isaac C Finch

Pg 2 is a letter signed from “Ruhamah Katherine Finch”, Isaac’s daughter aged 18 at time of letter
Jay March 21 1830

Most Worthy Parent

Having been waiting and anticipating great pleasure on receiving a letter from my Dear Father ever since his departure from home and having at last quite despaired of receiving a line but all had finally _______ that he intended not to write

and was quite _____ the next mail brought Elisa a letter

Adaline

I think I was almost forgotten but I have received a most excellent book for which I am very thankful for and hope I shall profit by it. We have had no school for a number of weeks on as most the Children being sick with the measles they have been taken one at a time? And some of them seem very sick Janett and Earl had them the most severe Earl was very sick _______ _______ he thinks_____ thing of the boys _______ and if Father could bring him one (or over?) conveniently, he would be very much blessed and I think he will be able to talk? _______ _______ Father returns. Mother has been quite sick so that she was confined to her bed for a number of days, Eleanor wishes Father to send her _____ of those picture books for her Brother and Sister and he will pay for them. She wishes them to be sent by the next mail.

We ____ ______ love Mr Slater is still gaining?(farming?) accept the love of your Daughter

Ruhamah Katherine Finch